



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: January 26, 2010

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Chief's Staff, Police Department

SUBJECT: Agreement With The County Of Santa Barbara For Mobile Crisis And Recovery Emergency Services (CARES)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the City Administrator to execute a three-year agreement with the County of Santa Barbara for mobile Crisis and Recovery Emergency Services (CARES) to the City of Santa Barbara for Fiscal Year 2010 through Fiscal Year 2012, for an amount not to exceed \$50,473 in the first year, subject to a 3.8% annual increase in the second and third years.

DISCUSSION:

This three year agreement provides for the continuation of mobile Crisis and Recovery Services within the City of Santa Barbara on a 24-hour/seven-day-week basis. These mobile services provide emergency mental health evaluation and assessment to individuals suffering psychiatric distress. If these services were not available through the County, City police officers would be required to make psychiatric assessments in the field per State Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) §5150 and consume valuable time to resolve these mental health emergencies.

The cost in Fiscal Year 2010 will be \$50,473, which will be funded from existing appropriations in the Police Department's General Fund budget. The cost will increase 3.8% in Fiscal Year 2011 and an additional 3.8% in Fiscal Year 2012. The City may terminate this agreement with the County upon 30 days written notice.

PREPARED BY: Frank Mannix, Deputy Chief of Police

SUBMITTED BY: Camerino Sanchez, Chief of Police

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office